

APPROVED MINUTES
HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 1999
LBJ Building, Boise, ID - Room 324
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Present: General Darrell Manning, Chair Dr. Kenneth Hollenbaugh Randi McDermott
 Dr. Richard Bowen Dr. Ron Bitner
 Dr. Dennis Stevens Dr. Rita Rice Morris

I. Minutes of March 2, 1999

MSC(Bowen/Bitner): To approve the minutes of March 2, 1999.

II. HERC Budget

A. FY 2000 Allocation

MSC(Stevens/Morris): To approve the FY 2000 HERC allocation as presented. (\$600,000 Infrastructure / \$600,000 NSF-EPSCoR Match / \$342,300 Center for Ecological Research and Education / remaining funds to be allocated at a later date)

B. FY 2001 Request

MSC(Bitner/Bowen): To request \$2.1 million in FY 2001 with a strong recommendation for reinstatement of the Specific Research Grant Program.

III. Statewide Science & Technology Plan

General Manning reported that the recommendations for Statewide Science Advisor are being forwarded to the Governor and asked members to contact him with any further nominations. There was general consensus to recommend the Statewide Science and Technology Advisory Council be comprised of 10-12 members. Nominations for these members have been received from HERC, EPSCoR, Representatives at INEEL, the Small Business Development Center and the Department of Commerce. General Manning anticipated forwarding all information to the Governor in the near future.

IV. HERC Policy Manual Revisions

Suggested revisions to the HERC policy manual were distributed. It was agreed that Section III should contain the Science and Technology Plan as developed and approved by HERC and EPSCoR in 1998. Members were asked to review changes and return comments and suggestions to the Board office by June 18.

V. New Business

During discussions regarding the Statewide Science and Technology Plan, it was suggested that former SBOE member, Dr. Carole McWilliam, would be an excellent addition to the EPSCoR Committee. During her tenure as a Board member she took great interest in the EPSCoR program, not only statewide but nationally, and she advocated the need for a statewide plan for science and technology and the need to give the private sector greater input in the Idaho EPSCoR program.

MSC(Stevens/Morris): To recommend to the State Board of Education the appointment of Carole McWilliam to the Statewide EPSCoR Committee.

A general discussion regarding the state of the budget for FY 2001 ensued. It was suggested that if the Tobacco Settlement Funds become available, HERC should have a request ready.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM.